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MR JASON SMATHERS
MUCKROCK
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Dear Mr. Smathers:

SUBJECT: FILE NUMBER HQMC-201100249

This refers to your Freedom of Information Act request of February 28, 2011, by which you seek to obtain copies of all deceased letters sent out in January 2011, and follows up our correspondence of May 3, 2011.

In an effort to assist you, we initiated a search of the files maintained by the Manpower Casualty Branch (MFPC) of this Headquarters. As a result of that search, MFPC personnel identified letters spanning from January through March 2011 as being responsive to your request. Our review of these pages revealed that it contains personal information (i.e., names of the constituents and their mailing addresses) that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. Because the FOIA precludes the disclosure of this type of information [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) as amended], the applicable personal information has been redacted and is denied. A copy of the responsive pages, disclosing all releasable portions, is attached at the enclosure.

In view of the above, you may consider this to be an adverse determination that may be appealed to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Be advised that we have categorized you as an "Other Requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. As such, you are entitled to two hours of search and 100 pages of duplication free of charge but would normally be responsible for the payment of any search and/or duplication costs exceeding your free entitlement. In this instance, however, since processing costs do not exceed your free entitlement, there are no billed fees for the processing of this request.

Questions concerning this action should be directed to Mr. Mary Malone of my staff at (571) 256-8633 or (703) 614-4008. Please refer to the file number in the subject line above when corresponding on this matter. I am the official responsible for this determination.

Sincerely,

TERESA D. ROSS
Head, FOIA/PA Section (ARSF)
Security Programs & Info Mgmt Branch
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ENCLOSURE



24 January 2011

Dear

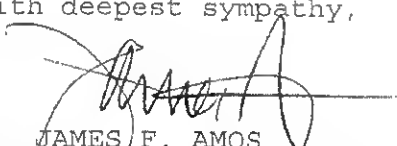
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Andrew's selfless service, especially in this time of war, speaks volumes to his strength of character and upbringing. He chose to live a life characterized by sacrifice; to defend America and her people; and to protect those freedoms, both here and worldwide, upon which this country was founded. Our Nation and the Marine Corps honor both his selfless service and the great sacrifice you and your family have made to protect the freedoms and values we cherish.

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With deepest sympathy,


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General, U.S. Marine Corps
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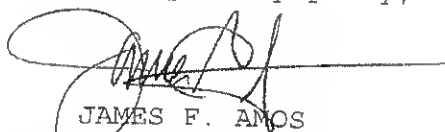
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8 February 2011

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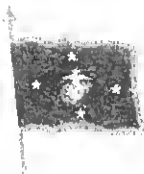
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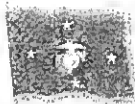
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You can be deeply proud, as I am, of Ryan's service. Ryan earned a reputation as an outstanding Marine and an even finer person. His integrity was beyond reproach and his selfless leadership was an inspiration to many. He had the respect of his fellow Marines and was highly regarded by his noncommissioned officers and officers alike.

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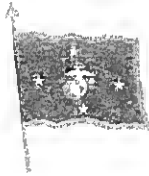
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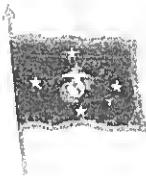
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8 March 2011

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It is with a heavy heart that my wife, Bonnie, and I offer our condolences as you cope with the loss of your husband, Jeffrey. There are no words, no matter how eloquent or sincere, that will make your grief any easier to bear, but I do want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeffrey served his Country to help make the world a better place for you and to defend the precious freedom of peace loving people everywhere. We mourn with you, and pledge that your Corps will do everything it can to assist you through your time of grief. The Marine Corps is indeed a family that takes care of its own. You may trust that your family of Marines will be there for you as well. We stand ready to support you in any way possible.

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8 March 2011

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Mrs. Amos and I would like to offer our
condolences to you for the loss of your father.
Your father was very dedicated to the Marine Corps
and especially to his family.

Please know that you and your family are in our
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

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Mike was a stellar Marine who was admired and respected by all who knew him. He always led by example and never failed to give more than was asked of him. His integrity was above reproach and his selfless leadership was an inspiration to many. He had the respect of the Marines under him and was highly regarded by his fellow staff noncommissioned officers. He was an outgoing and dependable man whose presence will certainly be missed. You can feel proud knowing that Mike was a true professional and served this great Nation with honor, courage, and commitment. This knowledge can in no way compensate for your loss, but I hope you can take some comfort in knowing that his patriotism and devotion to duty serve as an inspiration to his brothers in arms.

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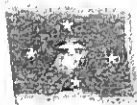
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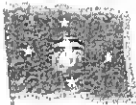
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